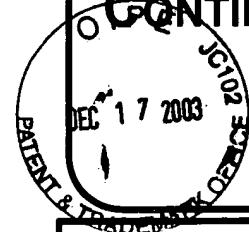


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## REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/770,525
Filing Date	January 25, 2001
First Named Inventor	Michael Hrabik, et al.
Art Unit	2131
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Attorney Docket Number	881075-0003

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on Technology Center 2100  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other return postcard

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to:

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- RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 770.00 12/18/2003 YPOLITE1 00000058 09770525
- Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 0P
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed for the above fees.

c.  Authorization to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to the above Dep. Acct No.

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